

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

August 2007

August 1, 2007 — ICJI, Indiana Black Expo, and Asante Children's Theatre: Skit Discussion

All parties involved in the skit creation and video taping met in order to revise existing timeline. Due to some unfortunate circumstances the video taping had to be put on hold and the skit contents had to be reviewed. As a result of the subject matter it is imperative that once the skit is completed the supplemental handout will comprehensively explain and identify behavioral traits that reflect emotional, physical, and verbal abuse. All intentions are to keep youth interested and engaged in the skit so they become more educated in the topic and begin becoming more conscious of the decisions and actions they make. It was concluded that if taping is granted once again it will be completed at the end of the month, but prior to that a meeting needs to be called by Managed Health Services and Indiana Black Expo.

August, 8, 2007—Indiana Disproportionality Committee (Large Meeting)

We were provided updates from each committee chair to ensure that all sub-committees were remaining on tasks in preparation of assignments and tasks that need to be completed prior to the Commission's appointments. In addition, reviewing the facilitation calendar and brainstorming ideas to increase the number of facilitators was also discussed. More importantly, acknowledging future changes of the Committee were briefly discussed and ideas were placed on the table. Identifying how to better the Committee by making it a force of the Commission without overpowering the appointees selected to follow the task out is a major goal of the Committee members.

August 14, 2007—Indiana Juvenile Detention Association

Continued discussion to change how Association receives grant was discussed. Meeting pending with invested parties still needs to be scheduled and continued dialogue of ongoing email discussions were addressed. Planning committees for the next summit are meeting and preparations are being done.

August 16, 2007—Indiana Disproportionality Committee, Training Sub-Committee

Revisions to the standards continue to be made and in order to ensure that all participants are on the same page it was requested that members provide an estimated time frame that each standard should be spent on and they must identify who should receive the training (frontline, management, both).

August 22, 2007—State of Our Black Youth (SOBY), Indianapolis Sub-Committee

At the meeting Prevent Child Abuse Indiana announced they would be able to print another 1000 copies of the fact card for the Committee to disseminate at conferences, meetings, and/or leave in waiting areas for the public to read. Supplemental questions to explain and further educate the youth will be completed once the entire skit has finished being video taped. This will ensure that all basis are covered and it goes congruently with the topics and situations that occur within the skit.

August 28, 2007—Asante Children's Theatre—SOBY Skit Taping

As stated earlier, taping was to resume at the end of the month. However, students returned back to school and the participants of the Video Institute, sponsored by Indiana Black Expo had completed their program requirements. Therefore, in order for taping to be completed in a sufficient manner, others were called on to assist in recreating the "stage" for the skit. It was a learning experience to see how exactly the shoots were being completed and it provided an opportunity for us to see the project come to life.

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